

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Bostic opened the public hearing regarding the application to the USDA, Department of Rural Development for Community Facilities for a loan/grant to purchase tornado warning sirens for areas of the City that are not currently covered by sirens. Three of the sirens would go south of town in the newly annexed area and one in Sugar Hill. This would be 55% grant and 45% loan. Jeff Coyne from Winston Terrell asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. McGowan made a motion to close the public hearing. Shelton seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Darrin McGowan, and Cindy Humphrey answering role call. Councilmen, Mike Buckley and Bill Goins were not present. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

**MINUTES \* \* \* \***

Minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Mayor Bostic asked Council if they wished to proceed with the application for the tornado sirens. McGowan made a motion to proceed with the application for the tornado sirens with the 5 year payment plan. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bostic reported:

- This Saturday is the opening of the Moscow covered bridge.
- Rush Fest is also this Saturday with the parade at noon and lots of other activities.
- Willie Hughes, ICAP appointment, informed the Mayor that the City would be receiving \$2,000.00 to help pay for mowing & clean-up on abandon properties.
- Park Restaurant – waiting on the engineer to send his plans to the State that it will be flood proof and the State will give the permit to continue building. They are hoping this will be in place by the end of the week.

- Main Street – Should be open from Park Boulevard to 11<sup>th</sup> Street by the end of this month. It has to be open all the way down by the 28<sup>th</sup> of October or they will be fined each day it is not open.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Fire** – Jenkins reported a yard sale complaint that someone is having a sale at a house that they are not living in. The property is getting ready to be foreclosed and the owners are selling items out of the house. Wilson said that they are technically still owners of the property.

**Animal Control** – Nickel said he is looking into property for a dog park. He also reminded everyone that the open house is this Saturday from 11:00-2:00.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Salary Ordinance 2010-4** – Shelton made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2010-4 on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Humphrey seconded the motion. Bostic called for a vote. Shelton said he would abstain from the portion of the salary ordinance for Park Board Secretary. McGowan voted “nay” due to the portion for Park Board Secretary. Wilson asked the Mayor if he would like to break the tie. Bostic voted to approve the salary ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

**Elected Officials Salary Ordinance 2010-5** – McGowan made a motion to approve the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance 2010-5 on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2011 Budget** – Shelton made a motion to approve the 2011 budget as advertised. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Vacation Proposal** – McGowan said he did not think this was a good idea financially, at this time. Humphrey said she would like to give the employees something, but thinks we should get through one more year and then take a look at what we can do for the employees. She said she did not want to give 22 people another week of vacation, but then have to cut an employee because there is not enough money. Shelton said he was concerned about how much overtime this would create. McGowan made a motion to table the matter until all the Council can have input. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Humphrey also stated that she would like to hear from the Department Heads and asked them to contact her.

Assistant Chief Williams said his concern was that people are going to be leaving if they don't get some type of incentive and this will mean they will be spending more money to train people. He said it was the job of Council as elected officials to find the money to keep the employees. He also said that he will be retiring in April, but would forego the extra week of vacation if it was given. Williams challenged the Department Heads if this was approved, to do what they could to keep from having more overtime.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Discuss New Garbage Truck** – Jemmy Miller asked Council permission to purchase a new International garbage truck. The amount of the truck with a trade in of \$15,285.00 would be \$104,915.00. He said the truck he would like to trade in was very difficult to get parts for and would like to be able to trade it in while it was still in good enough shape to get some money out of it. Miller proposed to pay the first payment next year out of non-reverting. The truck that was bought in 2008 will be paid off in 2012. There would be one year that 2 payments would need to be made out of the regular budget. The payments for the new truck would be \$23,440.62, and the current payment is \$21,500.00. Miller said if this truck was purchased he could reduce 2 of his line items that he has had to increase to \$10,000.00. Miller would like to do a lease to purchase for a 5 year period. McGowan made a motion to table the issue. Humphrey asked if the first payment would be due this year or next. Miller said next year. McGowan rescinded his motion to table.

Shelton made a motion to approve the purchase the truck. Humphrey said she would like Miller to get confirmation that the first payment would not be due until next year. She said she would also like a little time to go over Miller's budget. Motion died for lack of second.

McGowan made a motion to table the matter to get some questions answered. He also said that if necessary we could call a special meeting. Miller said the truck was a demo truck and may not be available very long. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Shelton voting "nay".

**Claims** – Shelton made a motion to approve the claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Humphrey made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER